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Tagore Memorial Fund

*152 Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount is allotted to Madras State from the Tagore Memorial Fund;

(b) whether any building is being constructed in Madras in memory of Tagore from out of this fund; and

(c) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) No amount has been specifically allotted from the Tagore Memorial Fund.

(b) & (c): The construction of a closed theatre in the City in memory of Post Tagore is in progress.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: May I know, Sir, where it is to be located the foundation stone for which, I think, was laid by our President, Dr. Radhakrishnan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the building is under construction. I do not know, Sir, who laid the foundation stone. I do not have the information with me. It is next to the Police colony.

Allotment of Motor-cars

*153 Q.—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of motor-cars allotted to this State during the years 1963–64 and 1964–65;

(b) how many in each make; and

(c) lay a paper on the table about the mode of distribution?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) to (c) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: What is the reaction of the Central Government to the proposal sent by this State Government for increased quota for allotting cars to the legislators?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Negative. (Laughter)

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Is it a fact, Sir, that even during the past three months only special quotas are given and may I know the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: There has been a general reduction in the quota for everybody, the public as also Government.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: My information is that no cars are allotted to the public and only special quotas are given and the public are deprived of their share.

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not have the information. Cars are allotted to the various companies for private allocation on the basis of registration and payment of advance of Rs. 2,000, etc. I do not have information with regard to that allocation. So far as the allocation to the Government is concerned, we are informed that there has been a general reduction for everybody.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Apart from the reduction of the quota, is there any proposal to reduce the manufacture by 50 per cent on account of the foreign exchange difficulty ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is the information which I also heard but we have no official information.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Government look into the matter and see that whatever the number of cars allotted to the State, they are equally divided between the private and the special quotas?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : This Government have no responsibility in the matter of allocation to the private people. The allocation is made by the Central Government in pursuance of an order. So far as this Government is concerned, it gets a special quota and that is distributed according to the pattern set down in the statement.

Rice scarcity

* 154 *Q.*—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to prevent a recurrence of rice scarcity in November and December this year ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The State Government has formulated a scheme of procurement for procuring paddy and rice. A buffer stock has been kept in the different districts to meet any exigencies during the lean months of November and December this year.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Are the Government aware that in several of the fair price shops in the mofussil, regular supplies are not made? What is the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not have such complaints.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Do the State Government directly procure the rice or through the Food Corporation?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : As far as this State is concerned, we are buying all our requirements through our own agents.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Are not this Government receiving any quota from the Food Corporation?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : As far as our State is concerned, the Food Corporation acts as our agent for bringing stocks